

## REMARKS

### THE AMENDMENTS

Applicants amend claim 1. Claim amendments are to expedite prosecution of the application. Claim amendments add no new subject matter, and are fully supported throughout the specification and by the drawings and claims as filed. Support and reasoning for the amendments are provided below.

#### Support for Claim Amendments and Reasons for Amendments

These amendments are made to clarify the claims and to expedite allowance of the present application.

Amended claim 1 includes the phrases “wherein said coating film comprises particulate particles that are heterogeneous with said coating film.”

Support for this phrases can be found throughout the application and drawings as filed, for example, on page 8, lines 14-15: “The coating film preferably includes particles of appropriate materials, such as glass, silica, quartz or plastics” and, for example, as illustrated by Figure 2A.

### CLAIM OBJECTION

The Examiner has objected to claim 26 for allegedly stating “comprises” instead of “comprise.” The Examiner had objected to claim 26 on the same ground in the previous Office Action mailed March 23, 2005. Applicants had corrected this informality in their previous Response to Office Action dated May 5, 2005. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be removed.

**CLAIMS ARE NONOBVIOUS UNDER 35USC §103(A)**

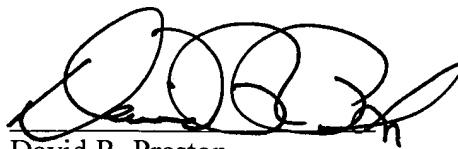
The Examiner alleges that claims 1-35 are unpatentable due to obviousness over Pourahmadi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,440,725) in view of Foster (U.S. Patent No. 5,485,277). Applicants disagree that Pourahmadi et al. discloses the invention substantially as claimed except for the coating film comprising a particle. The Applicants also disagree that the teachings of Pourahmadi et al in combination with Foster teach a coating film comprising particles. However, to expedite allowance of claims, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the phrase "wherein said coating film comprises particulate particles that are heterogeneous with said coating film." Neither Pourahmadi et al. nor Foster disclose, suggest, or provide motivation for a coating film which comprises particulate particles. Thus, amended claim 1, and dependent claims 2 through 35 are nonobvious over the disclosure of Pourahmadi et al. in view of Foster, and Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection be removed.

Applicant respectfully submit that the claims are ready for examination and in condition for allowance. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to **Deposit Account Number 501321** in the name of David R. Preston & Associates, having **Customer Number 24232**.

Respectfully submitted,

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